

North Yorkshire County Council

Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

14 October 2015

Work Programme

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report asks the Committee to:

- a. Note the information in this report.
- b. Confirm, amend or add to the areas of work shown in the work programme schedule (**Appendix 1**).

2 Background

2.1 The scope of this Committee is defined as:

- *Transport and communications infrastructure of all kinds, however owned or provided, and how the transport needs of the community are met.*
- *Supporting business, helping people develop their skills, including lifelong learning.*
- *Sustainable development, climate change strategy, countryside management, waste management, environmental conservation and enhancement flooding and cultural issues.*

3 Task Group review of Residents' Parking Schemes

3.1 The task group has now concluded its review and the draft report will be presented at today's meeting.

4 Mid Cycle briefing – 15 September 2015

- Update on the review of charges for Hardcore and Rubble at HWRCs:

4.1 Group Spokespersons were provided with an update on the review of charges for Hardcore and Rubble at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs). Copies of the presentation are attached at **Annexe 1**.

- Allerton Waste Recovery Park:

4.2 The Allerton Waste Recovery Park facility will not be fully operational until early 2018 but it will undergo testing from spring 2017. Group Spokespersons have agreed therefore that a report should come to the Committee in spring 2017 on the arrangements for the facility becoming fully operational.

- Right to Challenge Parking Policies – Petition Scheme:

4.3 In advance of the mid cycle briefing all Committee Members received a report for their comment on the Right to Challenge Parking Policies – Petition Scheme. The report related to the proposed design of the petitions scheme for North Yorkshire County Council.

4.4 The government has called on local authorities to introduce a petitions scheme so that people affected by traffic regulation orders can raise petitions about the parking restrictions in place for a specified location, especially if there are changed circumstances or unintended consequences occurring between scheduled Traffic Regulation Order reviews.

4.5 At the meeting Group Spokespersons suggested that the threshold for the minimum number of signatories needed to sign the petition (where the issue relates to a whole village, town or district) should be higher than the proposed threshold of 2% of the total population. Group Spokespersons felt that a threshold of 3% or 4% would strike a better balance between the need to not make thresholds unachievable whilst at the same time putting in place something that is manageable within the Council's resourcing levels.

- Shale Gas Extraction committee meeting:

4.6 Members will recall that at its meeting in July the Committee agreed to devote its meeting in January 2016 to examine the environmental impacts of shale gas extraction ('fracking'). This followed on from a petition presented to Ryedale's Area Committee. The Scrutiny of Health Committee has also agreed to examine the health impacts of fracking.

4.7 Group Spokespersons discussed the preparations being made for the meeting and have agreed with the Chairman of the Scrutiny of Health Committee that rather than have two separate meetings a joint committee meeting should be held instead. The meeting will be held on either Wednesday 20 January or Friday 22 January 2016. I will be able to confirm the arrangements later this month.

4.8 Group Spokespersons agreed that as part of the preparation for the January 2016 meeting, December's mid cycle briefing meeting should be set aside to include a discussion on the Planning Authority's role in examining shale gas extraction applications. Since then however, the DCLG national advisor team for large planning applications has offered to provide a Members Seminar on the responsibilities of the Planning Authority and the Environment Agency in respect to planning. We are in the process of sorting this out and hope to confirm the meeting date shortly. All Committee Members are encouraged to attend.

5 Recommendations

5.1 That the Committee:

- a. Notes the information in this report.
- b. Confirms, amends, or adds to the areas of work listed in the Work Programme schedule.

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Appendices: Appendix 1 – Work Programme Schedule

Annexes: Annexe 1 – Presentation on the Household Waste Recycling Centres: Hardcore and Rubble Charging Review (15 September 2015)

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Scope

‘Transport and communications infrastructure of all kinds, however owned or provided, and how the transport needs of the community are met.

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Sustainable development, climate change strategy, countryside management, waste management, environmental conservation and enhancement flooding and cultural issues.’

Meeting dates

Scheduled Committee Meetings	14 Oct 2015 10am	20 Jan or 22 Jan 2016 10am	13 April 2016 10am	27 July 2016 10am	26 Oct 2016 10am	1 Feb 2017 10am	26 April 2017 10am
Scheduled Mid Cycle Briefings Attended by Group Spokespersons only.	1 Dec 2015 10am	1 March 2016 10am	7 June 2016 10am	20 Sept 2016 10am	20 Dec 2016 10am	7 March 2017	

Overview Reports

Meeting	Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference
Consultation, progress and performance monitoring reports		
Each meeting as available	Corporate Director and / or Executive Member update	Regular update report as available each meeting
	Work Programme	Regular report where the Committee reviews its work programme

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Meeting	Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference
20 or 22 January 2016 (tbc)	Shale Gas Extraction	To discuss the environmental impacts of shale gas extraction and the safeguards that should be put in place, taking evidence from a range of external witnesses
13 April 2016	LEP update	Annual update on the work of the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership
	Adult Learning Service	Overview of the Adult Learning Service and actions arising from the Ofsted inspection carried out in November 2014
	Road casualties	To advise Members of the road casualty figures in 2015, and the work of the 95Alive Partnership
27 July 2016	Highways Maintenance Contract	To receive the annual report on actions being put in place by the highways maintenance & highways improvement contractor (Ringway) to improve performance and communications
	Highways Agency	Regular annual update
26 April 2017	Allerton Waste Recovery Park	To advise Members on the arrangements for the Allerton Waste Recovery Park becoming operational in early 2018.
Items where dates have yet to be confirmed	Airport Consultative Committees	Annual report by the County Council's representatives on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeds/Bradford International Airport • Durham and Tees Valley Airport • Robin Hood Airport
	Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs)	To provide an update on savings to the service
	Grass cutting	To provide an update on grass cutting arrangements with parish councils in North Yorkshire
	Civil Parking Enforcement	To provide an update on the county-wide Civil Parking Enforcement scheme

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Member working groups

	Working group on the Minerals and Waste Development Framework	To contribute to the preparation of new spatial planning policies for minerals and waste
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Possible future overview reports and presentations from external partner organisations

Meeting	Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference
	Promoting access to our heritage	To give an overview and promote discussion.
	Finance Yorkshire	Overview of the work of Finance Yorkshire in supporting businesses in, or relocating to, the Yorkshire and Humber region (with 'seed corn' finance, business loans and equity-linked finance); and to explore the ways in which the County Council and Finance Yorkshire could work together in the future to help support businesses in our area.

In-depth Scrutiny Projects/Reviews

Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference	Timescales

Please note that this is a working document, therefore topics and timeframes might need to be amended over the course of the year.

Household Waste Recycling Centre Hardcore and Rubble Charging Review

Transport, Economy and Environment
Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Briefing – 15 September 2015

Tony Norris – Waste Services Manager

Savings Target

£240,000 per year for hardcore and rubble and additional saving of up to £90,000 per year for plasterboard.

Overall Budget for this part of the Service

2013-14 £330,000

2014-15 £ 58,400 (adjusted to £143,000)

2015-16 £ 0

HWRC Policy Changes

HWRC Policies amended, to read:

- Policy 19 - North Yorkshire County Council may, provide a service for soil, rubble and plasterboard disposal provided that HWRC operating contractors agree to receive these wastes at no costs to the County Council.
- Policy 20 - North Yorkshire County Council will allow its HWRC contractors to recover costs for the disposal of soil, rubble and plasterboard by making a charge.

Communication of charging

- Leaflets, signs and banners at HWRCs (2 months in advance)
- HWRC staff informing site users
- Posters to parish and district councils and libraries
- Information on the intranet and in key messages for staff
- Press releases & radio interviews
- NYCC Webpage

Charges for hardcore, rubble and plasterboard waste

From **4 August 2014** we will be charging for the disposal of hardcore, rubble and plasterboard delivered to household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) in North Yorkshire.

This type of waste often created from improvements, repairs and alterations to a home or domestic property is not classed as household waste and we have no legal duty to accept it. North Yorkshire County Council spends over £300,000 each year dealing with these materials which we can no longer afford to do. Waste that will be charged for includes breeze blocks, bricks, ceramics (e.g. sinks

These wastes should be placed into the designated 'hardcore and rubble' and 'plasterboard' containers which will be labelled with the signs shown below. This is so these materials can be recycled, or in the case of plasterboard, disposed of safely. If any of these waste materials are mistakenly placed in the 'waste for landfill' or any other container a charge will still be made.

From **4 August 2014** we are also removing the current restrictions on the amount of hardcore and rubble that you can bring onto site and opening up all HWRC's to local

Hardcore, rubble and plasterboard waste

We now charge everybody for the disposal of hardcore, rubble and plasterboard delivered to household waste recycling centres in North Yorkshire.

Waste created from improvements, repairs and alterations to a home, domestic property or any other property is not household waste and we have no legal duty to accept it.

Most of this type of waste is hardcore and rubble, including breeze blocks, bricks, ceramics (e.g. sinks and toilets), concrete, flag stones, gravel, hardcore, pottery, rubble, sand, slates, soil, stones, tarmac, tiles, window glass or plasterboard. See our [full list of hardcore and rubble waste types that we charge for](#).

We have removed the current restrictions on the amount of hardcore and rubble that you can bring onto site.

How to pay for the disposal of this type of waste

On arrival on site you will need to agree with a member of staff the volume of hardcore, rubble and plasterboard waste you have. This will determine how much you have to pay. **Only credit or debit card payments can be accepted on site.** No cash or cheques will be accepted. **Do not empty your vehicle until payment has been made.** See below for the prices for various amounts of hardcore, rubble and plasterboard.

See our [frequently asked questions](#) for more information about the new charges.

Price list for hardcore and rubble

Volume	Charge ex VAT	VAT	Charge inc VAT
1 x 25kg bag or equivalent contents loose or boxed	£2.10	£0.42	£2.52

Hardcore, rubble and derivatives for which we make a charge/ don't make a charge to residents

Waste Type	Derivatives	Chargeable	Waste Type	Derivatives	Chargeable
Ash	Aga / Fire	x	Gravel		✓
Breeze blocks		✓	Hardcore	Fish tank / litter tray	x
Bricks		✓	Plasterboard		✓
Ceramics	Baths	✓	Pottery	Cups	x
	Bidet	✓		Drainage pipes	✓
	Plates - cooking pots, dishes etc.	x		Plant pots	x
	Shower tray	✓	Rubble	Plates	x
	Sink / pedestal	✓	Sand	Play pit	x
	Tiles	✓		Sharp	✓
	Toilet	✓	Slates		✓
Concrete		✓	Soil		✓
	Ornaments	x		Gardening / grow bags / planters	x
Flagstones	Paving slabs	✓			
Glass	Fish / Reptile Tank	x	Stones		✓
	Furniture - shelving; table top	x		De-stoning flower beds and borders	x
	Kitchenware including Porax	x	Tarmac		✓

Hardcore and rubble charges - frequently asked questions

Some frequently asked questions about the new household waste recycling centre charges.

Does everyone have to pay for these wastes?

Yes. Householders, businesses and charities all have to pay to dispose of these wastes.

Charities and businesses must be registered as a waste carrier and obtain a waste carriers licence. You must show your licence to the site staff on arrival whilst completing the paperwork. This is a legal requirement. For more information please visit www.gov.uk/register-waste-carrier. Failure to provide a copy of the waste carriers licence on site will result in you being turned away. Householders are exempt from registering as a waste carrier and will have no paperwork to complete on site.

Will this affect any other waste stream?

No. The charging only applies to hardcore, rubble and plasterboard. We are also opening up all household waste recycling centres to local businesses and traders to dispose of commercial waste at a charge. See our [commercial waste](#) section for more details.

What will I be charged for?

The charging applies to hardcore and rubble wastes (including breeze blocks, bricks, ceramics (e.g. sinks and toilets), concrete, flag stones, gravel, hardcore, pottery, rubble, sand, slates, soil, stones, tarmac, tiles, window glass etc.) and plasterboard. See our [full list of hardcore and rubble waste types that will be charged for](#).

If you dispose of hardcore, rubble and/or plasterboard at the same time as other waste from your home (household waste) you will only be charged for the part that is hardcore, rubble and/or plasterboard.

When will the charging start?

The charges will start from 4 August 2014.

How should I deliver my waste?

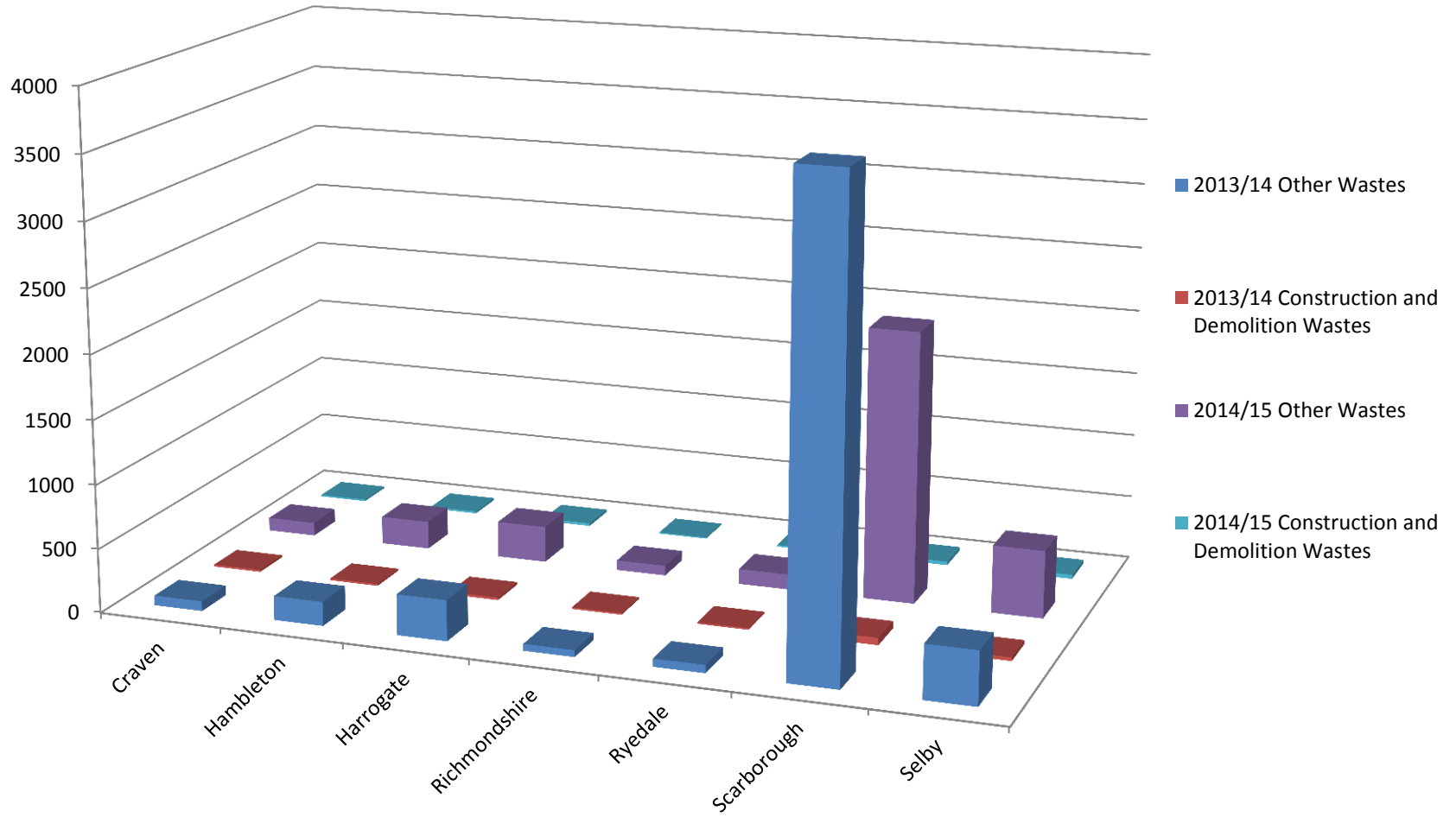
Deliver your waste in something that you can lift into the opening of the appropriate container

Fly tipping

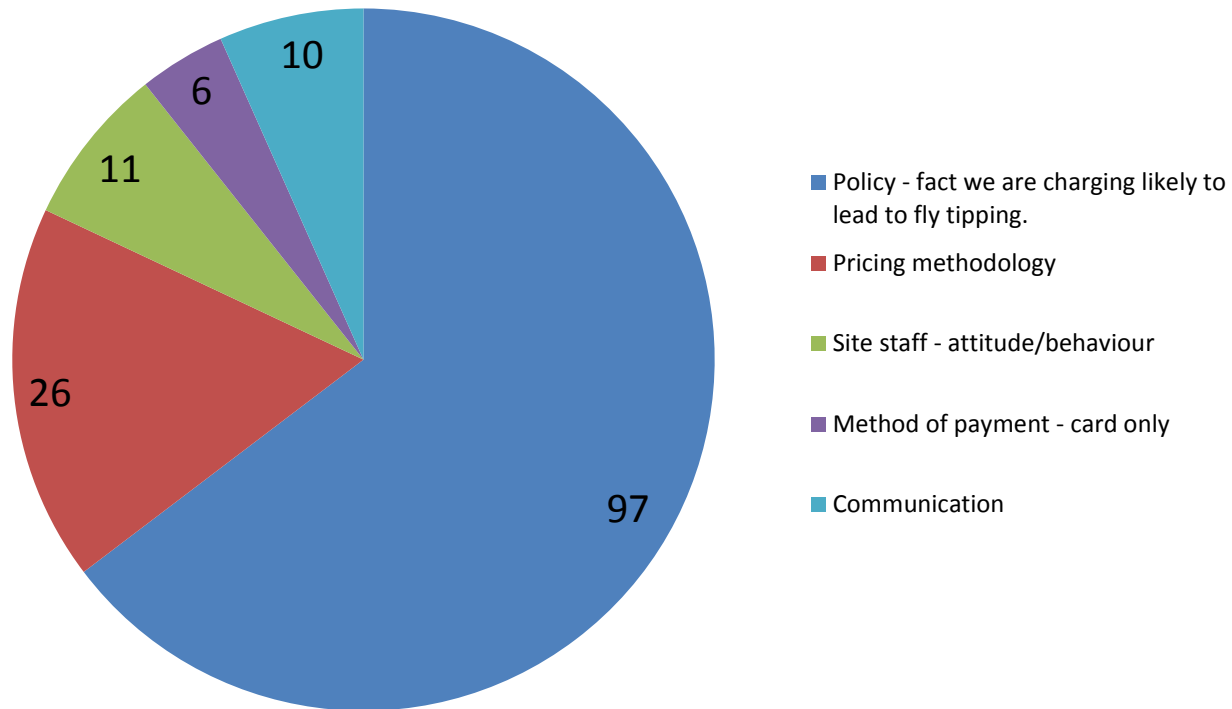
District / borough councils reviewed (June 15) fly tipping of these materials, and concluded there is no evidence of any increase caused by introduction of charges.

HWRC contractors have not seen any increase in fly tipping of these materials at the entrances to the HWRCs, with only 2 incidents reported (August 2014 to July 2015) which is comparable to previous years incidents.

Fly tipping across North Yorkshire 2013/14 and 2014/15

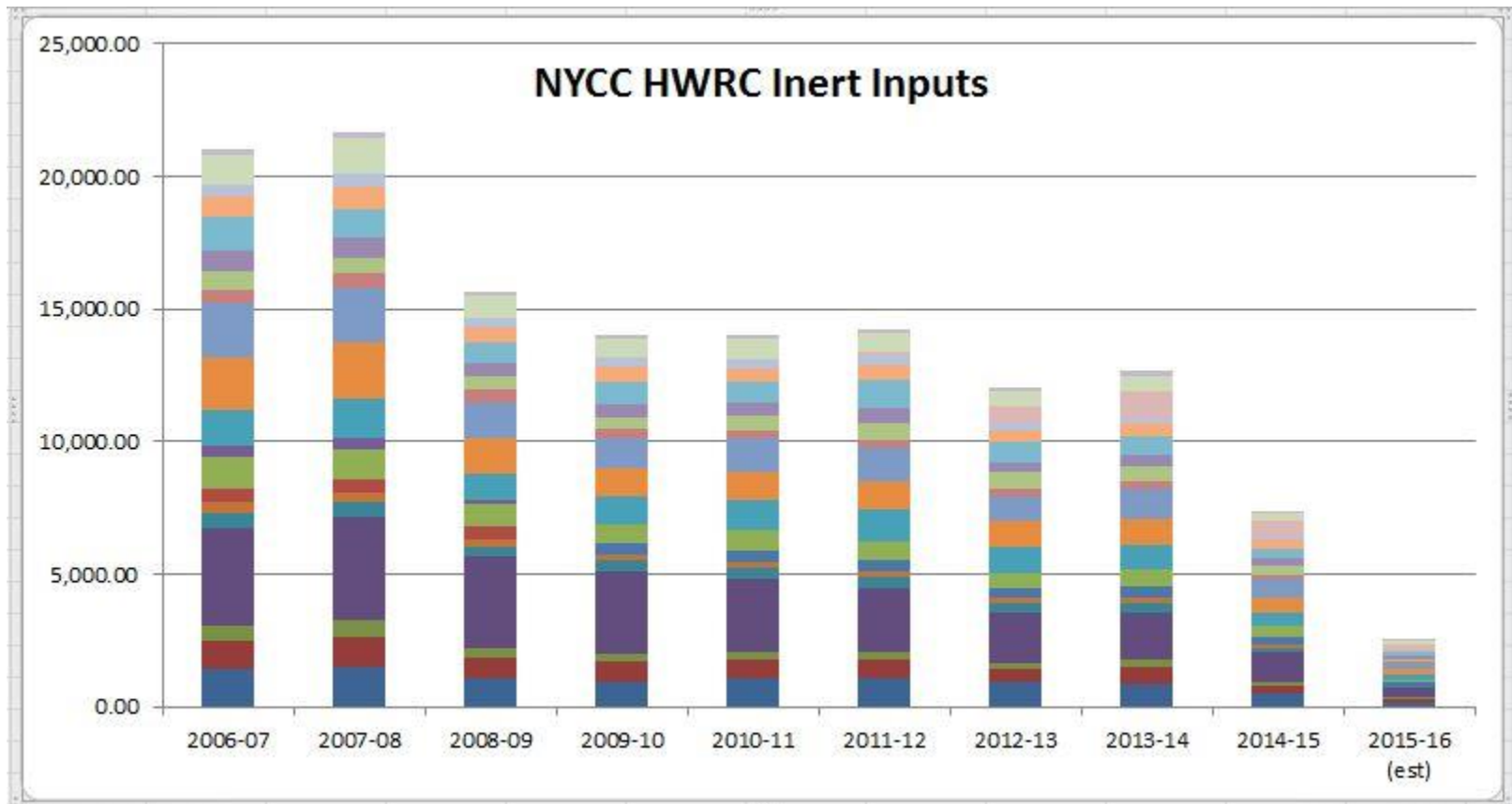


Summary Analysis of Complaints/Comments on Charging

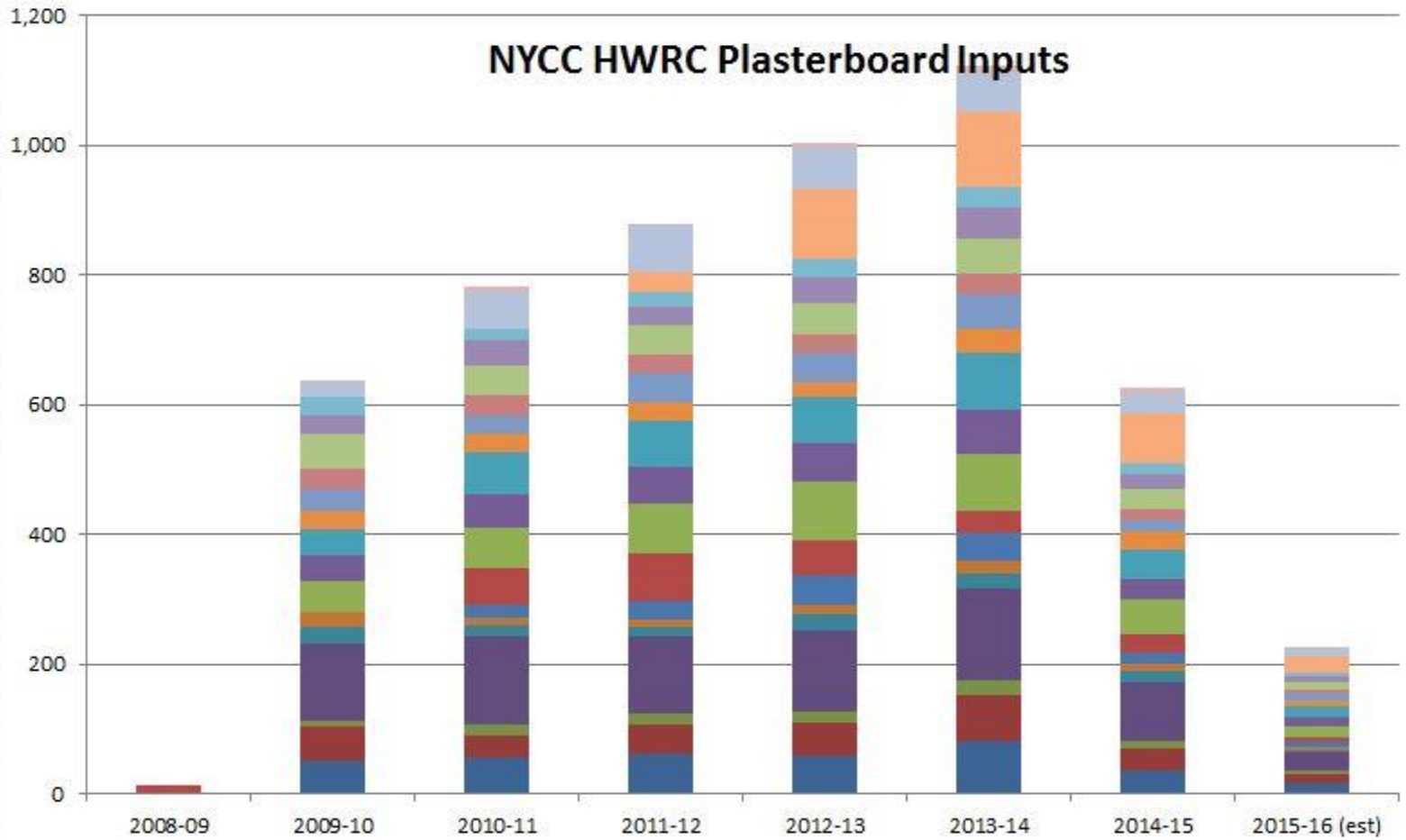


HWRC Reduction in Tonnages

Since implementation tonnages of these wastes have reduced to 27% of their previous levels.



NYCC HWRC Plasterboard Inputs



HWRC Savings

The required savings of £240,000 per year and additional saving of up to £90,000 per year for plasterboard will be achieved with full year savings estimated at £247,152 and £106,710 respectively.